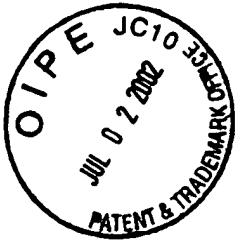


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 Serial No.: 10/071,780 Date: June 25, 2002  
 Filed: February 7, 2002 Art Unit: 3765  
 Confirmation No.: 3585 Our Account No.: 04-1403  
 Title: Process for the Manufacture of a Disintegrating  
Roll of an Open-End Spinning Apparatus as  
Well as a Disintegrating Roll Made By Such a  
Process



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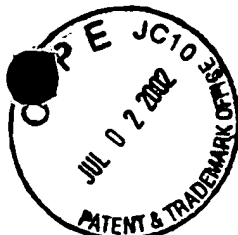
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure.

Applicant is submitting a search report issued by the German Patent Office on the corresponding German priority document, as well as the references or counterpart references cited by the German Patent Office. In this regard, please note that U.S. Patent No. 6,006,511 corresponds to DE 197 08 190 A1; U.S. Patent No. 3,833,968 corresponds to DE-OS 2 211 991 and U.S. Patent No. 6,289,588 corresponds to EP 953 662 A1.


Concerning DE 25 39 089 A1 and DE 29 04 841 A1, discussed in the present, the significance of these references is discussed in the specification.

Applicants' duty to provide a statement of relevance as to the remaining foreign language references is satisfied by the German Patent Office search report in accordance with 1138 OG 38 of May 19, 1992, and MPEP § 609A(3).

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

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